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FM AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5416
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 3706

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, PBOR, CD, LY
SUBJ: CLOSING OF LIBYAN AIRSPACE

REF: STATE 253762

1. I INFORMED VICE PRESIDENT DJIME THIS MORNING OF INFORMATION
IN REFTTEL BEFORE PRESIDENT MALLOUM DEPARTED FOR SWITZERLAND.
DJIME RECONFIRMED NOTICE TO AIRMEN CONCERNED WAS NO. 207 AND
TOOK EFFECT ON OCTOBER 20. HE HAS PROMISED TO GIVE ME A COPY
WHICH I WILL SEND THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

2. VICE PRESIDENT CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE LATER IN MORNING AND
SAID THAT WHILE CHADIANS COULD NOT CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION THEY WERE CONVINCED IT WAS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT.
NOTICE TO AIRMEN CLOSING LIBYAN AIRSPACE TO ENTRANCE FROM
THE SOUTH WAS PUBLISHED BECAUSE LIBYANS AND SOVIETS ARE IN
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PROCESS OF ENLARGING AIRFIELDS AT AL KUFRAH, JABEL AL
UWAYNAT AND MOKEBIR (PHONETIC SPELLING) AND OF STOCKPILING
EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR ETHIOPIA AT THESE THREE POINTS. VICE
PRESIDENT SAID THAT CHAD CONSIDERED SUCH AN ACTION NOT ONLY
AGAINST AFRICAN INTERESTS BUT A MENACE TO ITS OWN
EXISTENCE. NATURALLY SUCH A MENACE MADE MILITARY
ASSISTANCE TO CHAD EVEN MORE IMPERATIVE. VICE PRESIDENT

WENT ON TO CASTIGATE SOVIET ROLE IN AFRICA AND ADDED FROM CHADIAN STANDPOINT SOVIETS HAD ALREADY PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY POOR FRIEND. HE INTIMATED THAT IF U.S. AND FRANCE WOULD ONLY SUPPORT CHAD, THE LATTER COULD GET RID OF THE SOVIETS. I POINTED OUT THAT WHILE I WOULD IN NO WAY DEFEND SOVIET ACTIONS IN AFRICA, OUR SUPPORT TO CHAD WAS NOT INTENDED AS AN ANTI-SOVIET GESTURE. I CONCLUDED THAT AS VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE HAD STATED WE ARE SUPPORTING CHAD NOT FOR ANY SELF-SERVING MOTIVES BUT BECAUSE IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

3. I HAVE PROMISED VICE PRESIDENT TO SHARE WITH HIM ANY INFORMATION WE CAN DEVELOP REGARDING SITUATION IN LIBYA.
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